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FORMER FEDERAL EMPLOYEE SENTENCED FOR EMBEZZLEMENT AT FEDERAL AGENCY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that a former employee of the federal government was sentenced today for embezzling more than \$26,000 while working at the Office of the General Services Administration in Kansas City, Mo.

Milton Jerome Younger, 43, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced this morning by U.S. District Judge Gary A. Fenner to three months at a half-way house followed by three months of home detention then five years of supervision. The court also ordered **Younger** to pay \$26,645.74 in restitution to the General Services Administration.

On June 3, 2002, **Younger** waived his right to a grand jury indictment and pleaded guilty to a three-count information that charges him with embezzling a total of \$26,635.74 from mid-2001 to January 25, 2002.

According to Graves, **Younger** admitted that, while employed as a transportation operations specialist for the Fleet Management Division of the Federal Supply Service in the Heartland Region, Office of the General Services Administration, he contacted three vendors who auction off GSA vehicles and told them there was an overpayment on each account. **Younger** then created fraudulent invoices in the GSA system for vendor accounts, forged a coworker's name, and made fraudulent record entries, Graves said, all of which caused the three vendors to be paid amounts not earned. By pleading guilty, **Younger** admitted that he asked each of the vendors to issue a repayment check to GSA and send the check directly to him, after which he endorsed the checks and deposited them into his personal checking account.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Sheryle L. Jeans. It was investigated by General Services Administration, Office of Inspector General.

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